

and the Roanoke Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, where he served as president of the group's recruitment division. He also served as a co-chair for the New River Valley Rail 2020 to lead the effort to expand the passenger rail service.

Wally lived to serve and care for others. He prospered in any situation that allowed him to unite and care for others—he never met a stranger. But most of all, he adored his family. His humble giving heart, hard-working nature, and steadfast faith are just some of the most notable characteristics that defined the kind of man Wally was.

Wally was preceded in death by his loving parents, Wallace and Helen Nelson. He is survived by his cherished wife Heather; children Crandall Murphy and husband Shannon, Wallace Jay Nelson III and wife Tory, Krystine Hammerle and husband Ryan, Katherine Nelson and Ben Stovall; grandchildren Jackson and Paige Nelson, as well as many other beloved extended family and friends.

A man whose legacy and love for family, neighbors, and community will long be remembered. Wally was a dear friend that will be greatly missed. I am honored to pay tribute to Wally's life. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. WILLIE LEE MOSES

HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Willie Lee Moses, a constituent of mine and a woman known to her community as the "Mayor of Good Hope." The dedication that Mrs. Moses has to her community has made a profound difference in the Inland Empire, and it is my honor to recognize her work.

The impact of Mrs. Moses' work is difficult to overstate. Born in northern Louisiana, Mrs. Moses and her husband settled in Perris in 1957 and immediately became active members of their community. Besides being a mother of five and an employee of Perris School District for over two decades, Mrs. Moses was also elected as the president of multiple Parent Teacher Associations at various schools and served in union leadership as a job steward for fellow school district employees. An avid organizer, Mrs. Moses ran voter registration drives, worked on political campaigns, and was a leader in the area's first Human Relations Commission, which worked to facilitate dialogue on race relations among the community of Perris Valley. The Moses Schaffer Community Center now bears her name, recognizing the tireless work she did in support of the construction of critical infrastructure that enabled her city to thrive.

Mrs. Moses' generosity is well-known in the City of Perris. For 35 years, Mrs. Moses coordinated a free food program to ensure that low-income seniors always had resources to turn to. Over the decades, her family room has served as a gathering place for friends and neighbors, including the many years that she hosted meals for those stationed at the March Air Reserve Base with nowhere to go

for the holidays. Her tireless work emulates her trailblazing spirit—she was often the first African American in the leadership positions she took on, and her commitment to civil rights and civic duty has forever changed the Inland Empire community for the better.

Mrs. Moses has done more for her community in her 100 years than many could achieve in several lifetimes. It is with gratitude that I wish her a very happy birthday and thank her for her leadership and vision. Her example has set a high bar for all of us in public service, and I am honored to have her in our community.

HONORING PETER STEC FOR ACHIEVING SCOUTING'S HIGHEST AND MOST PRESTIGIOUS RANK, EAGLE SCOUT

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Peter Stec for his exceptional community service that has earned him the rank of Eagle Scout.

Peter has been involved with the Scouts for many years and, through perseverance and hard work, has become the Senior Patrol Leader of Boy Scouts of America Troop 6016 in Queensbury, New York. Peter has dedicated his time in the Scouts to the well-being of the community of Queensbury, culminating in his Eagle Scout community service project.

For his Eagle Scout project, Peter created a COVID-19 memorial garden recognizing Warren County residents who passed away during the pandemic. Peter built benches and planted trees and shrubs along the Warren County bike path in Queensbury. The COVID-19 memorial garden creates a space for Warren County residents to sit and reflect on those they have loved and lost. Peter's project exemplifies his deep commitment to improving his community.

Peter's dedication to his community is evident not only in his Eagle Scout achievement, but also in his engagement in music, arts, and school. Peter is an exemplary student who is also an accomplished musician in his school's jazz band and has had his artwork displayed in the Saratoga National Racing Museum.

Rising through the ranks to Eagle Scout requires dedication and perseverance, and Peter stands as an exemplar of that fact. His work is a strong indication of his exceptional leadership skills and commitment to service.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to thank Peter for his contributions to the community and congratulate him on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. It is so important, now more than ever, that our youth learn the values of service to the community and nation. I am excited to see where Peter's bright future takes him.

IN RECOGNITION OF HOPE CAHILL

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Ms. Hope Cahill of El Do-

rado Community School in Santa Fe for her incredible commitment to New Mexico's children, schools, and community.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) recently awarded Ms. Cahill the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). The award program is administered by NSF on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy to recognize the invaluable contributions of exceptional K-12 science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computer science teachers. It is the highest honor our nation can bestow to a math or science teacher.

Ms. Cahill, a 25-year resident of New Mexico, serves as an inspiration to not only her students but to her entire community with her dedication to the next generation of our nation's future leaders. She has received numerous other awards including the Teachers Who Inspire Award from the Santa Fe Partners in Education Foundation. She is also well known for her ability to incorporate writing and communication skills into her curriculum and for her work to inspire girls to pursue STEM education.

Describing teaching as a calling, not a profession, Ms. Cahill says that she wanted to be a teacher since she was a child and loves the way that science has the ability to engage her students. She of course incorporates New Mexico's incredible landscapes and geology into her lessons to excite students about both the beauty of science and the land of enchantment. Selflessly, Ms. Cahill extends credit and thanks to her colleagues, administrators, and family and professes that her greatest accomplishments are the students that she has "hooked" into science.

Ms. Cahill is a shining example of the passion and dedication that define our great state, and we are proud that she calls New Mexico home. I offer my congratulations to Ms. Miranda and thank her from the bottom of my heart for her contributions to the future of New Mexico—our youth.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE MOUNT LAUREL CUB SCOUT PACK 15

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the hard work and dedication shown by the Mount Laurel Cub Scout Pack 15.

During the holiday season, Pack 15 partnered with BookSmiles, a 501(c)(3) organization that collects and distributes books throughout New Jersey and the Greater Philadelphia area and have been serving our communities since September 2017. As a result of their efforts, Pack 15 collected more than 7,000 books—the largest single day book collection in BookSmiles's history.

I commend every member of Cub Scout Pack 15, their leaders Jeffrey A. Shaman and Daniel Pelaez, and the entire team at BookSmiles for accomplishing something that will benefit children, students, teachers, and parents throughout our community.